(b) whether it is a fact that constrained by the required Rs. 2,000 crore, the Home Ministry has failed to procure the equipment necessary for arming the force; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No Sir. Eight battalions of Central Para-Military Forces (CPMFs) *i.e.* two (2) battalions each of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Border Security Force (BSF), and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) have already been earmarked for the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). The training of the personnel of the earmarked battalions of the CPMFs for NDRF is in progress.

(b) and (c) No sir. The requirement of equipment, additional vehicles, boats, *etc.* for eight (8) NDRF battalions has been worked out involving an approximate cost of Rs. 334.21 crore as non-recurring expenditure and Rs. 23.78 crore as recurring expenditure. The Government has already approved the above requirements of equipment, additional vehicles, boats *etc.* The process of procurement of the same has already been initiated.

Demand for additional para-military forces by Orissa

350. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CM, Orissa has asked for additional para-military force to combat the menace of Naxalism in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the action plan of the Centre to help the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Chief Minister, Orissa requested for deployment of additional 3 Coys. of CRPF in November, 2005.

(b) The Central Para-Military Forces are deployed in various States considering the overall security scenario and availability of these Forces. Accordingly the forces are deployed in Orissa as well.